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The A.P.D. Order is extended and now  
reads:-No person of any kind will in  
future be accepted for absence from or  
unavailability in attending Police Duty,  
unless accompanied by a medical certificate  
of the Surgeon Superintendent or such other  
competent medical certificate as the Surgeon  
Superintendent may subsequently deem  
sufficient, or (b) provide as officers and  
unpaid substitutes, or (c) in person satisfy  
the Officer in Charge of the Charge Report that illness  
makes it impossible for them to perform  
the duty.

Officers failing to comply with the  
above requirements will without exception  
be dealt with and punished as  
defaulters as a matter of course and  
without further enquiry.

PARADES, CENTRAL, 5.30 P.M.  
Monday, April 17th.-Nos. 13 and 11  
Sections under Sergeant Major. Also  
Ambulance Recruits.

Tuesday, April 18th.-All Sergeants  
appointed since January last.

Wednesday, April 19th.-Nos. 13 and  
11 Sections under Sergeant Major. Re-  
cruits of No. 2 Company and Ambulance.

Thursday, April 20th.-Recruits of No.  
1 Company.

DEPARTURE.  
For leaving the Colony without per-  
mission and for failing to arrange for the  
performance of his duties, a P.C. of No.  
3 Company is ordered 12 hours Cells  
Duty.

NO. 2 PLATOON.

Will parade in full with rifles at  
Water Police Station at 5.45 p.m. punc-  
tually on Tuesday, April 18th.

STRICTLY UNIFORM.

As Summer Uniform may be ordered  
to be worn on Patrol Duty, etc., at any  
moment, Section Commanders and Equip-  
ment Officers are warned to see that their  
men are equipped without delay.

TRANSFER.

Staff Inspector T. Hynes is transferred  
to H.K.V.R.

(Sgd.) F. C. JENKIN.  
D.S.P. (Reserve).



NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, NON-ASIAN or  
INDIAN desiring to leave the  
Colony should apply in writing for per-  
mission to do so to the Captain Super-  
intendent of Police, at least 48 hours  
before the intended hour of departure,  
giving name, nationality, age, sex, height  
and occupation of the applicant, and  
stating the name of the steamer or other  
vessel or the hour of the train by which  
the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants  
should apply in person for their passes at  
the Central Police Station between the  
hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to  
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III.-Life & Annuity Funds £17,697,690.

Sinking Fund Account £23,970,367.

Revenues Fire Branch £2,381,458.

Life and Annuity Branches £2,141,693.

Revenues Marine Department £37,239.

Other Receipts £476,940.

£23,970,367.

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FRIDAY, 14th APRIL.

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10 P.M. 'KINSHAN' 5 P.M. 'FATSHAN'

SATURDAY, 15th APRIL.

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10 P.M. 'FATSHAN' 5 P.M. 'KINSHAN'

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SUNDAY, 16th APRIL.

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N.B.-The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at  
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CANTON-MACAO LINE.

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Medical Magazine, March, 1912.

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## INTIMATIONS

## THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Club will be held in the Club House, Happy Valley, on MONDAY, the 17th April, 1916, at 5.30 p.m., for the following purposes:

To receive the Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1915. To elect the Officers and Committee for 1916. To transact any other business.

By Order,  
T. W. HILL,  
Acting Hon. Secretary,  
Hongkong, April 7, 1916. 512

## CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 4, Connaught Road, Victoria, on the 18th day of April, 1916, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing as an Extraordinary Resolution the following Resolution, that is to say:—

"That the name of the Company be changed to the 'British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited.'"

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this Seventh day of April, 1916.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.

## CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 18th April, 1916, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December, 1915, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th April to 18th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 18th April 1916, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December 1915, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 8th April to 18th April both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.

## HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

Ordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Tramway Company Limited will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company Limited, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of April, 1916, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,  
W. E. ROBERTS,  
Secretary.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## THE FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, 27th April, 1916, at 12 o'clock Noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. PEMBERTON,  
Secretary.

## HONGKONG, April 11, 1916. 529

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## INTIMATIONS

## HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FIRST GYMKHANA MEETING of the season will be held at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, the 15th April, 1916, commencing at 3.15 p.m. The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or Gymkhana Club.

The Committee invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, April 13, 1916. 534

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

THE POSTPONED LADIES DAY and presentation of prizes will take place at the Club House North Point on SATURDAY next April 15th, on which occasion the Commodore and Members of the Club will be at home to their friends from 3 to 6 p.m.

The presence of the Ladies is specially requested.

T. A. LOUGHLIN,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 11, 1916. 531

## ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

## EARLY MORNING GOLF.

A BALL played on to any portion of the Sand-Track, Grass Track, or in the Ditches on both sides of the said Track must be lifted and dropped in the fairway not nearer to the hole, under penalty of one stroke.

This Local Rule applies only to Early Morning Golf, and has been introduced to avoid annoyance to riders and ponies on the track.

Players are requested to keep their caddies off the rails when ponies are passing.

The above Local Rule is applicable to the 'Pur Cup' when competed for in the early morning.

By Order of  
THE COMMITTEE.

Hongkong, April 11, 1916. 523

## HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

## NOTICE.

THE Company regrets that owing to the increased cost of materials, it is compelled to make the following alterations in its terms of business:—

The price of gas for all purposes will be raised to \$2.50 per 1,000 cubic feet as from the 1st April.

Hire of cookers, gasometers and other cooking and heating apparatus will be continued, but the cost of labour and materials used in fixing these goods will be charged to consumers.

The labour and materials used in fixing lighting fittings will also be charged to the customer.

GEORGE CURRY,  
Local Secretary.

Hongkong, April 1, 1916. 495

## FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, MACAO.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 25th April next, at 3 p.m., in the office of the above Department, before the Committee referred to in Article 102 of the Decree of 21st November, 1908, and in the presence of the Director of the Naval Yard and Chief Engineer of the gunboat *Patia*, public tenders will be received for the supply of coal to be used in the several public establishments of this province during the year 1916. The above tenders to be enclosed in sealed envelopes. The qualities of the coal preferred are as follows:—

Oriental "CHITSOI LUMP"

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Cardiff good quality.

The conditions of tenders and other particulars are on view in the Financial Department, Macao.

Financial Department, Macao, April 3rd, 1916.

The Chief of the Financial Department,  
Tito Alfonso da Silva Pinares.

Hongkong, April 7, 1916. 520

## 5% RUSSIAN INTERNAL SHORT

## TERMED LOAN OF 1916.

FOR RBL. 2,000,000,000.

SUBSCRIPTION to the above LOAN will be opened from 25th March, till 5th May inclusive.

The price of issue is 95%.

The loan is entirely free of Income Tax and of other taxations.

The loan is redeemable at par on 1st February, 1926, Russian style, without option for the Russian Government to convert it at an earlier date.

Coupons are payable half yearly on the 1st February and 1st August, Russian style.

As interest on the above loan runs from 1st/14th February, the interest accrued on date of subscription must be taken into consideration and is to be added to the price of issue.

The Russo-Asiatic Bank in Hongkong is ready to accept applications for the above named loan.

Special favourable rates will be quoted for Russian exchange.

Payment may also be made in Roubles.

Applications will be wired to Petrograd free of telegraphic charges and commission.

40% only of the cost of the Bonds may be paid on application, the balance to be paid on receipt of the Bonds.

The Bank is also ready to give every facility to subscribers in the shape of advances against the receipts.

G. TISDALL,  
Manager.

Hongkong, March 30, 1916. 488

If you happen to be late your meals will be prepared and served promptly, and just the same, only at the ALEXAN.

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## BRITISH TRADE.

## THE UNITED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE CONFERENCE.

London, March 1st.

Hundreds of British business men, representing Chambers of Commerce in all parts of the United Kingdom, met at the Hotel Cecil yesterday to adopt resolutions urging upon the Government measures to secure a large share of new trade after the war.

Among the resolutions adopted was an affirmation that "the strength and safety of the Empire lie in its ability to produce what it requires from its own soil and factories."

In his luncheon speech to the gathering Mr. McKenna said: "We have already shown in a way which I am not able to state to you, that we are prepared to give the assistance of the Government to the development of foreign trade in order to ensure that those who are now our bitter enemies shall not have control of the foreign trade which they have enjoyed in the past."

The Government was urged to provide funds for research and training and to foster and protect industries begun since the war in this country was carried unanimously.

## TARIFF AGAINST THE WAR.

A resolution was carried, with about half a dozen dissentients:

That this association is of opinion that, with the object of maintaining and increasing our trade after the conclusion of the war it is desirable that provision should be made (a) for preferential reciprocal trading relations between all parts of the British Empire; (b) for reciprocal trading relations between the British Empire and the Allied countries; (c) for the favourable treatment of neutral countries; and (d) for restricting by tariffs and otherwise trade relations with all enemy countries, so as to render dumping and a return to pre-war conditions impossible, and for stimulating the development of home manufactures and the consequent increased employment of native labour.

In his opening address Sir Algernon Firth recalled the position in which the country found itself at the beginning of the war, dependent upon the enemy for essential industrial supplies—a position in which a great nation ought never to be placed—and, blamed past governments, meaning the long delay in reforming the patent laws and in removing the tax on industrial alcohol.

Mr. McKenna in his speech gave a hopeful review of our finances, coupled with a forecast of still higher taxation and an emphatic promise that the government will in future actively assist in the development of foreign trade.

"We shall still be able," he said, "to find the large expenditure which we shall have to meet in the ensuing year. Not less than one third of this total will be covered by the revenue raised in a full year by present taxation. No other nation engaged in the war can show a similar proportion. Nor we shall stop there. (Laughter.) I hope the House of Commons and the country will support me in a proposal to meet a still bigger proportion of the revenue of the year."

TRADE AND VICTORY.

Declaring that trade and victory were not in opposition but interdependent, he stated that our advances to our Allies are made in the form of goods. "Now were we to pay for these supplies? There was a limit to the amount of gold we could export, a limit to our powers to borrow externally, and to the foreign securities we could sell. All these means were being used to the limit of our powers, and the huge balance could only be met through the maintenance of our trade."

Throughout the country there was complete agreement on the question of trade after the war. "We must learn by experience the lesson that we have seen a nation in time of profound peace plan and prepare and originate war. We ourselves were dependent on that nation for many essentials. I do not think as a nation we ought ever to allow ourselves to be placed in this position again. (Applause.)"

"On one great issue which one divided nation our opinion may remain unchanged. But it does not follow that there is not a large field for common agreement. Though trade be free there is no reason why the help of the government should not be given to our traders. We are prepared to give the assistance of the government to the development of foreign trade, so that our enemies shall not have the control of the foreign trade they have hitherto enjoyed. (Applause.)"

It is hoped that all contentions might never be revived, that wisdom might come to all.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

We take from the Manchurian Daily News (Japanese) the following table of Japanese tramp steamers now employed as compared with the returns for last year:—

	1915	1916
European service:	No. Tons	No. Tons
American	2 7,638 49 65,171	
Australian	7 35,884 23 92,092	
Indian	4 21,540 3 8,387	
Other ocean service:	13 43,406 8 28,092	
South China service:	39 142,036 42 137,938	
North China service:	34 99,306 34 76,433	
Japan service:	39 92,114 13 28,409	
In dock	85 196,307 49 100,776	
In addition to the above, 17 vessels of 35,000 tons are engaged in the Hokkaido lumber trade.		

All the above vessels, aggregating 230 in number with the aggregate gross tonnage of about 600,000, were hitherto working the Oriental coastwise services.

Moreover, the shipment of altogether 300,000 tons of Beans and Beans Cakes from Dairen at abnormally high freights have caused the pinch of short tonnage in Japan to be felt more acutely than ever. Such being the case, nobody will be surprised to learn of the further rise of the Man-Yokohama coal rate to Y.4 per ton before long.

Japan is at present in possession of 2,132 vessels over 20 tons with aggregate tonnage of 1,604,000, while the number of vessels over 1,000 tons is put at 418 with aggregate tonnage of 1,331,308. The details are as follows:—

Ships	Number	Tonnage
20 tons to 100 tons	1,038	47,113
100 " 300 "	438	81,009
300 " 500 "	92	36,744
500 " 1,000 "	153	117,403
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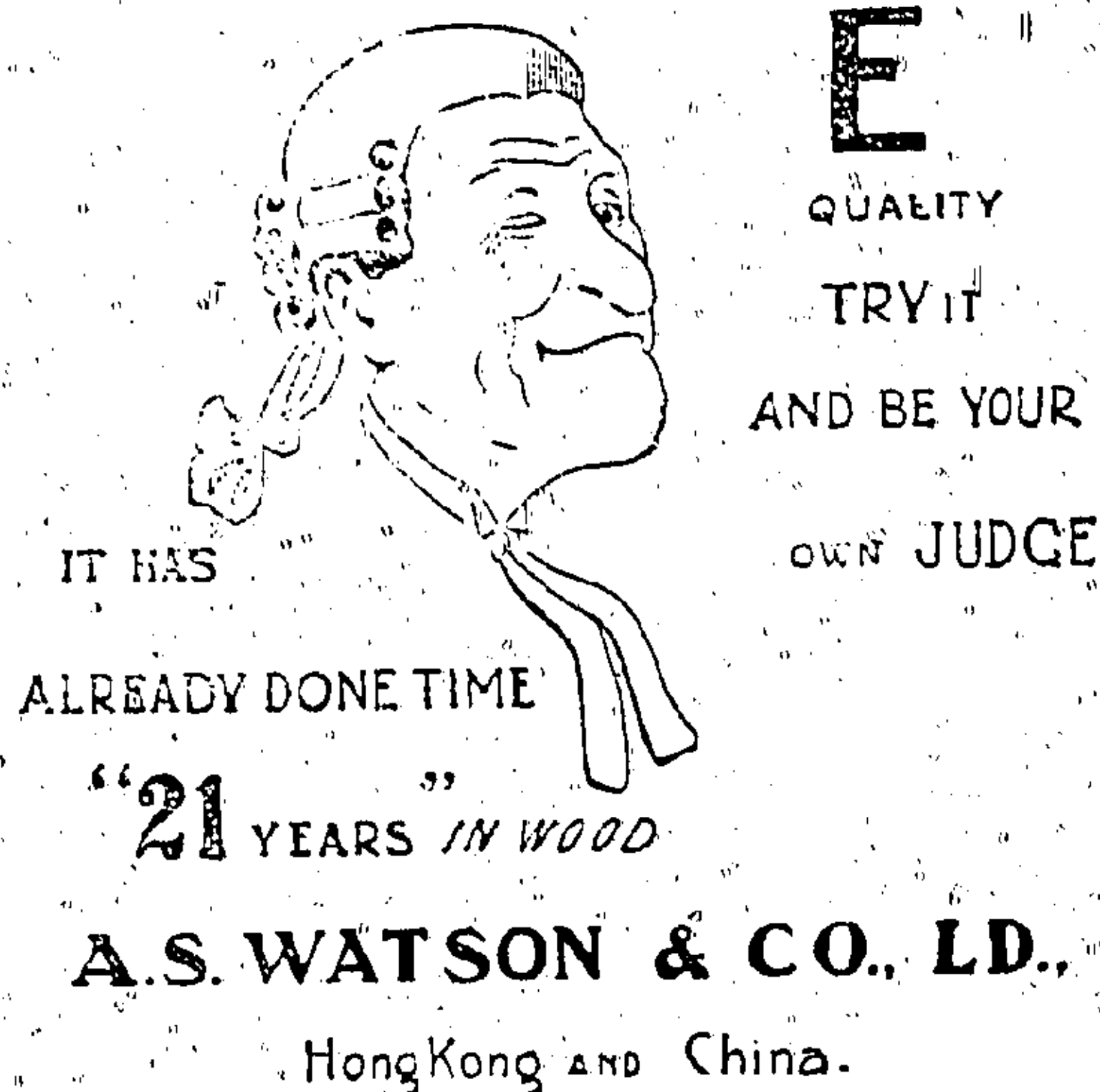
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### THE DIARY.

#### MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

10.45 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton.  
3 p.m.—Ladies Day at the Royal H.K. Yacht Club.  
3.15 p.m.—First Gymkhana of the Season.  
4.30 p.m.—Tennis Tournament: Murphy and Sandford v. Lindsay Woods and Abraham, Leith and Muriel v. Dodwell and Nisbet.  
9.15 p.m.—Children's Theatrical Performance at Mt. Austin Theatre.

#### General Memoranda.

Sunday, April 16.—  
Palm Sunday.  
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by S.S. "Taihan".  
Monday, April 17.—  
4.45 p.m.—Falconer and Milner Jones v. Green and Claxton.  
5.30 p.m.—Annual Meeting of the Royal H.K. Golf Club.  
Tuesday, April 18.—  
Noon.—Union Insee. Society's Meeting.  
12.15 p.m.—China Traders Insee. Co's. Meeting.  
1.07 p.m.—Full Moon.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Crockery, Pianos etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton.  
Wednesday, April 19.—  
12.30 p.m.—Luzon Sugar Refining Co's. Extraordinary Meeting.  
H.K. Tennis Championships:—H. Hancock v. Ng See Kwong.  
Thursday, April 20.—  
Maundy Thursday.  
Friday, April 21.—  
Good Friday.  
Public Holiday.  
9.15 p.m.—Sacred Music at St. John's Cathedral in aid of Charity.  
Saturday, April 22.—  
Public Holiday.  
Sunday, April 23.—  
Easter Day.  
St. George's Day.  
Monday, April 24.—  
Public Holiday.  
Tuesday, April 25.—  
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.  
Tuesday, April 27.—  
Noon.—China Fire Insee. Co's. Meeting.

## The China Mail.

HongKong, Friday, April 14, 1916.

### THE BRITISH AIR SERVICE.

It is rather startling to be told that the war will be largely decided in the air. This, however, is the opinion of Lord MONTAGU of BATHURST, who, like Lord DERRY, has resigned from the Committee appointed expressly to deal with questions relating to the air service, because they consider the Committee powerless to effect real reform. Lord MONTAGU's views on the subject of the lack of unity between the Army and Navy on the question of aerial warfare were very fully set out in a speech in the House of Lords some five weeks ago, when the views of the Government were also fully explained by Lord LANS- DOWNE. Lord MONTAGU desires to see established a separate Ministry for the Air, on the principle of "one element, one service." "I can see a time coming," he said, "when the air service will be more important than either the Army or the Navy. We are so close to the Continent and so vulnerable, if a nation has a better organised air service than we have, that a real danger exists, and it will go on increasing as the years go by. You must not look on your air service as an auxiliary air service but as a great service, which must establish traditions of its own. It is to that service you will have to look in future years largely for the defence of this country." He spoke of our infantrymen as having become cavaliers, and of our gallant sailors as having become diving men. "The power of the explosive tended more and more to drive the issues of battle into the element which was common to all and which had got breadth, length, and height as well." The supremacy of the air, he declared, is the goal at which the country should strive. He alleged that we had lost the lead we had in the beginning of the war and he urged the provision of more powerful aeroplanes at the front, more powerful anti-aircraft guns, and the building of airships of the rigid (Zeppelin) type. There is nothing in these recommendations that does not appear to fall well within the scope of the Derby Committee from which both Lord MONTAGU and Lord DERRY have resigned. Lord LANS- DOWNE in his recent statement in the House of Lords said:—"The Committee has a free hand to deal with the questions of design, of production, and of distribution. I venture to say these cannot be dealt with separately from the questions of general policy. And I think I may say that the question of general policy cannot be dealt with apart from the consideration of the questions of design, production, and distributing. It will be a business Committee to ensure that the manufacture, supply, and distribution of material is in accordance with the policy of aerial warfare laid down by the Government. Lord DERRY has no executive function, but with that reservation I still maintain that Lord DERRY's

position and that of his Committee is an extremely powerful one and that there is really no portion of the field of inquiry from which he and his colleagues are excluded." Three distinguished officers representing the Navy, and two representing the Army, as well as the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Imperial Defence Committee, are members of the Committee. Lord LANS- DOWNE said he thought it more difficult to think of a separate air policy than of a separate military or naval policy, and he expressed the opinion that the air service must always be to a great extent ancillary to the Army and Navy. When, however, two men like Lord DERRY and Lord MONTAGU resign from the Air Committee because they have come to regard the Committee as "powerless to effect real reform," it does not look well, and leaves on the public mind a most unsatisfactory impression, which, however, we have no doubt, the Government will lose no time now in dispelling, if that be possible.

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The P. & O. Homeward Mail Steamer "Mongolia" with the Hongkong Mail of the 10th March left, arrived at Marseilles on the 13th instant.

The P. & O. Homeward Intermediate Steamer "Mongara" which left Hongkong on the 15th February last, arrived in London on Thursday morning the 13th instant.

Mr G. T. Edkins (Messrs Butterfield Swire) has been elected Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year, and Mr S. H. Dodwell (Dodwell & Co., Ltd.), Vice-Chairman.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:— Benjamin and Potts ... \$ 25 W. G. Worcester & Co. ... 25

In connection with the Easter Monday Shoot we are asked to mention that visitors etc. (other than Competitors and Range Officials, for whom arrangements have already been made) may obtain Tiffin on the Range at the price of \$1.—provided they arrange for same with Lieut. Thornhill, The Soldier's Club (Tel. 1723).

A Chinese Company has been formed in San Francisco under the style of the China Agency & Trading Co., for the purpose of developing a coal trade between China and San Francisco. A San Francisco paper states that the Company plans to bring coal from the mines on the north China coast and deliver it in San Francisco wholesale \$2 (gold) per ton cheaper than coal from New Zealand and Australia.

The General Managers of the Sanwau Rubber Estates Co., Ltd. at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 6th of April, in Shanghai, decided to recommend at the next annual general meeting of shareholders to be held on Monday, the 1st of May, that a final dividend of 20 per cent., equal to One Tael per share, be paid for the financial year ended 31st of January, 1916.

At the Union Church on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 9 p.m., J. H. Mander's Sacred Cantata "Olivet to Calvary" will be rendered. The soloists are:—Soprano, Miss Wilks; tenors, Messrs Goodall, Handyside and Edgumbe; baritone, Messrs Gray and Muriel. The chorus is composed of the Choir of Union Church with the kind assistance of the Wesleyan Church Choir and other friends. A collection will be taken in aid of the New Organ Fund.

The Bishop of Victoria will hold a confirmation at 11 a.m. on Sunday at Holy Trinity Church, Old Kowloon City; at St. Andrews, Kowloon, in the evening; and on Wednesday next at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Chinese Church. He is announced to give a series of addresses in St. John's Cathedral on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week, being:—Holy Week; at 5.30 p.m. his subject being, "Friends of Christ in His Passion." Monday April 17th, "The three privileged disciples"; Tuesday April 18th, "Mary of Bethany"; Wednesday April 19th, "Repentant Malefactor."

The death occurred on March 31st in Tokyo of Mrs. Aymer-Coates, wife of Professor Aymer-Coates, of the Poore School (and formerly of Macao). Mrs. Aymer-Coates was twenty-six years of age. She was married in Hongkong in 1907, says the Japan Gazette, and recently celebrated her ninth wedding anniversary. She has been an invalid for six years. In 1909, following an operation at St. Luke's Hospital, her life was despaired of by her home, but had since been confined to her room. On the night of the 30th, she had a very serious heart attack, from which she never rallied, and passed away the following night. Mrs. Aymer-Coates leaves to mourn her loss, in addition to her husband, three children, the oldest a lad of eight years, the others being little girls.

### THE SITUATION AT CANTON.

There is no news to-day of any serious developments at Canton. We learn that the subject under discussion at the Conference at Dutch Folly when the tragic shooting incidents reported yesterday occurred was a proposal made by Chu Kuan, the leader of the Progressive Party, that the Chai Kwan (General Lung's Yunnanese troops) should be disbanded and re-enlisted into the Republican Army. The Military Commanders present were little inclined to agree to the proposal, saying that they saw no use in changing the name by which these troops were known—they could be sent North to fight Yuan. Chu Kuan replied that the change of name was necessary to avoid trouble, as heretofore the Chai Kwan and the Republican troops had been hostile to each other. Then one of the Military Commanders named Ngan called Chu to an ante-room for a private talk. As they entered the room together Ngan drew a revolver and pointed it in a menacing manner at Chu. Another Army Officer named Ho seeing the revolver pointed and imagining a fight to be actually in progress, fired at Chu himself, but the bullet missed Chu and wounded Ngan in the hand. Chu, however, fell to the ground pretending to be hurt. He crawled into another room and hid himself under a bed.

Meantime there was great commotion in the Conference room and a good deal of shooting by the guards outside. Chu remained hidden for an hour, and when the commotion had subsided, he emerged from under the bed, and gave \$30 to a servant to procure him a boat to take him to Canton. It happened that a steam launch belonging to the Superintendent of the West River Conservancy was passing at the time and a passage to Canton was procured for Chu by this launch.

Chu left Canton the same evening for Hongkong. We learn that many peaceful civilians (Chinese) have been killed or wounded in the recent indiscriminate shooting. About a hundred or so came under fire in one street. In a very few seconds they had cast their shoes and sprinted off up side streets, or alleys. A European named Johnston, on the Customs Staff, while making a survey on the Bund with a theodolite, was very near being killed. A bullet smashed his instrument and grazed his hand. Mr. Johnston is leaving for Home to-morrow.

The s.s. Kinsman brought down over 1,500 Chinese passengers last night. This constitutes a record so far in the present troubles.

### TO-MORROW'S GYMKHANA.

#### TIPS FOR THE RACES.

To-morrow the first Gymkhana of the Season will be held at the Race Course, Happy Valley. Given fine weather, as to-day's appearances give promise, the meeting should be a most successful and enjoyable one. The first race starts at 3.15.

The following are some tips as to the form of the ponies entered:—

HALF-MILE RACE:—  
1. Ploughed-field.  
2. Durham Chief.  
3. Hoffer.

GYMKHANA STAKES:—  
1. Oregon.  
2. Adventure.  
3. Antony.

LADIES' NOMINATION:—  
Mr. Duguid, Mr. Goldney, Mr. Taylor.

ONE MILE RACE:—  
1. Durham Chief.  
2. Matabelle.  
3. Crosby.

Polo-Pony Stakes:—  
1. Ye Conjuror.  
2. Soldier.  
3. Tom.

ONE MILE AND A QUARTER:—  
1. Dunkeld.  
2. Freddie.  
3. Lorenzo.

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### CHINESE AFFAIRS.

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#### MINISTER OF WAR GOING TO SHANGHAI.

PEKING, April 14.  
Chu Chi Chang, the Premier, has wired to Tong Shao Yi that Duen Kuo Sui, Minister of War, is on his way to Shanghai to discuss important matters.

[Presumably this is in connection with the use of the China Merchants' steamers for the conveyance of troops.—Ed.]

#### SZECHUAN THREATENS TO SECEDE.

PEKING, April 14.  
Chan Yu, General of Szechuan, requests Yuan Shih Kai to abdicate and states that otherwise Szechuan will declare its independence.

#### THE PRESIDENT AND THE CANTONESE OFFICIALS.

PEKING, April 12.  
Yuan Shih Kai assembled all the Cantonese officials at Peking and states that otherwise Szechuan will declare its independence.

Chu Shi Chang, Premier, and Duen Kuo Sui, Minister of War, propose that an amicable settlement be made with Kwangtung.

#### THE NEW TUTH OF CHEKIANG.

SHANGHAI, April 14.  
Wong Man Hing has been elected Tuth of Chekiang.

#### RAILWAYS AND TELEGRAPHS SEIZED.

SHANGHAI, April 13.  
The railway stations and telegraphic offices in Chekiang province have been seized by the revolutionists.

#### STATE COUNCILLORS RESIGN.

PEKING, April 13.  
A Mandate accepts the resignation of four members of the State Council.

#### MONGOLIA AND THE SITUATION.

PEKING, April 13.  
The Government will appoint a Pacification Commissioner to proceed to Mongolia.

#### NEW MANDATE.

PEKING, April 12.  
A mandate orders the restoration of the Provincial Assembly regulations, and the laws pardoning revolutionaries; and the cancellation of the order for watching members of the National Assembly.

#### AN AMERICAN LOAN.

PEKING, April 13.  
The Loan Agreement with an American Syndicate (for \$10,000,000) has been signed.

#### OFFICIAL SALARIES TO BE PAID PARTLY IN LOAN BONDS.

PEKING, April 13.  
The salaries of officials will be paid partly in Loan bonds from next month.

#### LOST CRICKET GEAR.

SEQUEL TO THE SINKING OF YAUMATI FERRY.

The cricket gear of the members of the Hongkong C.C. which went down in the steam-launch "Wing On" the Yaumati ferry, in the harbour collision on January 20th last, will form the subject matter of a claim in the Summary Court after the Easter Vacation. The plaintiff is a coolie, named Chai Kwai of the Cricket Club and he is suing Lee Koo & Co. of the Praya Central, launch-owners, for \$732 the value of the gear which went down with the ferry. Plaintiff claims that he entered into a contract with the defendants for the conveyance of sixteen cricket bats and bags from Kowloon to Hongkong. The defendants did not carry the gear and he contends they negligently lost them or some of them upon the journey. Plaintiff states that he has suffered damage by reason of the loss to the extent of the value already mentioned.

Mr. A. M. Preston, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master's Office, will appear for the plaintiff, and Mr. P. W. Goldring for the defendants. The case has been fixed for the 27th inst.

#### THE FRUIT SEASON.

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### THE MAGISTRACY.

#### SIX CHARGES AGAINST A MOTOR-CYCLIST.

A FINE OF \$5.

No less than six charges were brought against H. E. Komer of 4 Robinson Road in Mr. J. R. Wood's Court this morning. The charges were as under:—Failing to give sufficient warning when approaching a curve or fork in the road; for driving at a speed higher than ten miles per hour; for driving recklessly and in a manner dangerous to the public; for failing to obey the directions and signals given for the purpose of regulating driving by the police officer in uniform; for neglecting to observe the rule of the road and for failing to reduce his speed and keep as close as possible to the left hand side of the road when approaching a curve or fork in Lower Albert Road.

Inspector Garrod withdrew three of the summonses and proceeded with the rule of the road summons.

Defendant said he was on the right side of the road. He was turning the corner, he had come from the direction of Government Buildings and was proceeding up the Lower Albert Road. He had asked a great many cyclists about proceeding up that road and it was the usual thing to take the right side of the road when turning that corner.

F. C. Arnold (Reserve) said defendant came up to the corner on the wrong side of the road and passed his pony on the wrong side.

Defendant produced a plan and observed that it would be impossible for witness to see him from where he was posted unless he (defendant) was in the gutter.

The Magistrate said he did not think it was impossible to see; he passed the spot every day.

Another Reserve constable who was on patrol duty with the last witness said defendant was near the centre of the road.

The Magistrate commented on the difference in the evidence and in advising defendant to keep closer into the side of the road on another occasion, ordered his discharge.

For not sounding his horn when approaching the same corner, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5.

Defendant said he did sound his horn near the Government Office, as there was a coolie in the way.

The Magistrate was of opinion that he ought to have sounded it again.

Regarding the summons for driving at a speed more than ten miles an hour, Inspector Garrod said there was no expert evidence and asked that the case might be withdrawn.

This was accordingly done.

The net result, therefore, was four summonses withdrawn, one discharged and a conviction—the revenue benefiting to the extent of \$5.

#### ANOTHER MOTORIST SUMMONED.

J. McCubbin, of the Hongkong Gas Company's Works, was fined \$10 by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning for failing to have a rear light on his motor car. Defendant said the light was correct when he left the works and he thought the lamp went out when he bumped over a trench. Two other charges were withdrawn.

#### SCAPEGOATS FINED.

\$18,000 FOR 217 TALS OF OPIUM.

This afternoon before Mr. Hazledorn three Chinese were charged with being in possession of 217 tals of prepared opium valued at \$23,000.

Early on the morning of April 6th Sergeant Bond was watching sampans and saw one leave the s.s. "Ceylon Maru." As he was about to board it he saw two bags containing something thrown overboard. It sprang on board and in the bottom of the sampam were 27 tals of opium and a large stone which would be used for throwing the stuff overboard and taking it up again. Around the man's body was a further 21 tals of opium tied underneath his clothes.

Mr. Agassiz said the defendants were only tools of somebody else.

"They are always tools; we never have the real man here, he is more of a phantom" observed the Magistrate.

Mr. Agassiz said the men were scapegoats.

Inspector Gordon said it was presumed that the drug came from Todd-China.

A combined fine of \$18,000 was imposed, apportioned as follows: first defendant \$9,000, or 12 months; second defendant \$4,000, or nine months; and the third defendant \$5,000 or nine months. In each case the fine was ten times the value of the opium.

#### SINGAPORE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Maxon and Taylor have received the following quotations from Singapore:

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Radialis	.....	\$11.50	
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Merlinus	.....	4/6	
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Alor Gajah	.....	\$ 4	

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### THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AT THE PEAK.

The ladies and gentlemen who have been interested themselves in the production of "Humpty Dumpty" or "The Greedy Knave"—a play for Children in four acts, founded on plays by W. R. Snow, locally written up and added to—were well rewarded for their efforts by the success of the first public performance yesterday before a crowded audience in the theatre of Mount Austin barracks.

The proceeds of the two performances to be given of the play are to go to the funds of the Veterans Club, and Mr. C. H. P. Hay, as a curtain raiser, appeared in the role of a veteran soldier and gave a fine rendering of "A Soliloquy of a Chinese Prisoner," much appreciated by the adult members of the audience, but evidently rather terrifying to many of the juveniles, who were much relieved when the Teddy Bear curtain went up and exposed to their view the first scene of the play—a pretty village in Toyland, with the little villagers daintily tripping the Maypole dances. The King of Hearts (Angel Ormiston) and the Queen of Hearts (Veronica Butterfield) made a truly imperious couple and filled their roles extremely well. In the first act the King chooses a youth to be Humpty Dumpty, and Miss Taylor, on whom the choice fell, played the part with great success throughout. The scene of the second act, is the Royal Kitchen where the Queen is busy making tarts filled with magic jam, which the Greedy Knave steals and eats, with the most alarming consequences. The dance by the chefs in this act was deservedly encored. The succeeding scenes were the King's Orchard, and the King's Kitchen Garden.

Throughout the play all the children did very well indeed, particularly Angel Ormiston and Veronica Butterfield, and also June Looker whose dancing was exceptionally good. The tiniest tot (Alma Worcester, aet 4) was charming both as the Fairy Imp and little Miss Muffet. Other items deserving of special mention were the very pretty rendering of the song "He, She and I" by Kathleen Phillips, and the dances by Kathleen and Bridget Phillips as Welsh peasants.

The singing of "Tipperary" by the villagers in the first act and "Keep the home fires burning" in the final scene attained the play to the spirit of the times.

A noteworthy feature of the performance was the complete absence of nervousness shown by the children on the stage; they one and all played their parts with a naturalness and charm delightful to the audience.

Mrs. Looker and Mrs. Hay, who, with the invaluable help of Mr. Sinclair, were responsible, we believe, for the production, are to be congratulated on the great success which has attended their efforts.

The performance is to be repeated to-morrow night at 8.15, when there is no doubt interest in the play combined with sympathy with the end in view will attract another full house.

His Excellency the Governor, Lady Hay, and the Misses May were present at the performance last night.

The Police Reserve Band gave much appreciated assistance and Mr. Peterkin fulfilled the duties of accompanist.

The cast of the play was as follows:—

The King of Hearts, Miss A. ORMISTON.  
The Queen of Hearts, Miss V. BUTTERFIELD.  
The Knave of Hearts, Miss TAYLOR.  
First Guard, Master JACK CHURCHILL.  
Second Guard, Master TOM CHURCHILL.  
The Queen's Cook, Miss JOYCE HOLYOAK.  
The King's Jester, Miss K. PHILLIPS.

The Queen's Assistant Cook, Miss E. S. HARTON.  
Miss D. BOUCHER.  
Miss B. PHILLIPS.  
Miss J. HOLYOAK.

Humpty Dumpty, Miss TAYLOR.  
Mary M. quite contrary, Miss J. LOOKER.  
Little Jack Horner, Miss D. HOLYOAK.  
Little Bo-Peep, Miss NANCY HOLYOAK.  
Little Boy Blue, Miss P. SCOTT HARTON.  
Tom, the Piper's Son, Miss S. TIDBALL.  
Jack, Miss ELIZA BUTTERFIELD.  
Jill, Miss WINIFRED HARTON.  
Miss Moffit, Miss ALMA WORCESTER.  
Eey Scout, Master JIM BONKAR.

Miss DOROTHY BOUTCHER.  
Miss BRIDGET PHILLIPS.  
Miss JOYCE HOLYOAK.  
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#### TENNIS.

##### LAST NIGHT'S GAMES.

S. E. Green, over 30, beat N. E. Kent, over 15, in the semi-final of the Handicap single A, last night, the score being 6-2, 2-5. The winner won comfortably and in the second set the games were five all before Green exercised his better play and won the two succeeding games.

##### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

S. E. Dodwell and B. A. Nisbet (over 15-4) beat A. C. Leith and H. E. Muriel (rec. 15), 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

##### VETERANS' DOUBLES.

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S.S. 'DAIGI MARU'.....Capt. T. Koshi.....

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WEIHAWEI & TIENTSIN	CHENAN	April 16, Daylight.
SHANGHAI	MANILA, CEBU, & ILOILO	April 18, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	April 18, at 4 p.m.
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HOIHOW & HAIPHONG.....TAKSANG.....SUNDAY, April 16, at 8 a.m.

SHANGHAI.....KWONGSANG.....TUESDAY, April 18, Daylight.

SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.....KUTSANG.....WEDNESDAY, April 19, at 3 p.m.

HOIHOW & HAIPHONG.....LOKSANG.....THURSDAY, April 20, at 8 a.m.

SHANGHAI.....CHOYSANG.....FRIDAY, April 21, Daylight.

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NAMUR	May 5	KASHGAR	June 5	June 12
NANKIN	May 19	KARMA	June 19	June 26
NOVARA	June 2	MOREA	July 3	July 10
MALTA	June 16	KHAYBER	July 17	July 24
NAGAYA	June 30	MEDINA	July 31	Aug. 7
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## HOW THE MALOJA SUNK.

SURVIVORS' STORIES OF THEIR  
ESCAPE.

## DIFFICULT RESCUE WORK.

The Dover correspondent of the Daily News, writing on February 27, says:—The S.O.S. Company's liner Maloja, 12,100 tons, was sunk today by striking a mine in the English Channel, within sight of Dover. She was on a voyage from London to Bombay with about 140 passengers, 200 crew, and the Indian mail. The final rescue was witnessed by large numbers of people who had been watching the progress of the rescue work.

It was a few minutes after 11 o'clock in the morning when a violent explosion was heard from the liner's wireless calls and the sound of the explosion.

The very quickly commenced to settle down. The after part of the ship, where she had suffered the damage, went under first until the sea was running level with her bridge. Then she took a very heavy list to starboard, and gradually the great steel hull was slowly and steadily sinking.

After being in that position for a little time she suddenly heeled right over and completely capsized, showing a section of her keel for a few minutes. Then she disappeared beneath the waves in a cloud of steam from her boilers.

In the meantime rescue work had been steadily proceeding. Tugs, pinnaces, destroyers, and all sorts of craft were engaged in the operations, to the number of several dozen. The work was most difficult owing to the heavy list which the liner had from the start. It was impossible to launch boats from the port side, while the list to starboard would, in the opinion of seamen, cause jamming of the boats' gear. On that side many of the people appeared to be rescued by being taken direct from the sinking decks of the sinking liner aboard the smaller type of craft.

Just after the Maloja had sunk we had another thrilling experience. A second steamer was lost under exactly similar conditions within half a mile of the liner. This was a tank steamer, the Empire, of Port William, with three masts. She settled down by the stern, but the forepart of the vessel remained above the sea for some little time. The vessel then suddenly blew up, and the forepart disappeared in a cloud of steam.

## CHILDREN THROWN INTO SEA.

I have obtained particulars of the disaster from some of the survivors. Mr. V. S. Anderson, of Nottingham, said: "We left the Thames on Saturday morning, and were at anchor all last night, continuing our voyage to-day. I was sitting in the second-class saloon, on the port side, when there was a tremendous explosion. The ship started to list, and the water was blown out. Glass and iron were flying everywhere, and water at once swamped the place. I rushed on to the deck, and saw a lady with two children endeavouring to find lifeboats for herself and her child. She had got one for the other child, but the lady herself was saved, but I have not been able to find anything of them since. I was in the sea for some time, and was then hauled into a boat and taken on to a trawler. A rather heavy sea was running. I continually broke in my face while I was in the water. The boats were picking up people who were swimming around, coming to all sorts of wreckage. It only seemed about ten minutes from the explosion until the ship sank."

Mr. W. C. Avery, who was going to the East as representative of Messrs. Thomas Parsons and Son, of London, had a very narrow escape, and stated he owed his life to Chief Steward Chapman, of Uford.

## LADY DIES ON A TRAWLER.

"I was walking on the hurricane deck at the time the explosion occurred," said Mr. Avery. "As the ship soon commenced to sink I made my way to No. 11 boat, which I had been instructed on Saturday would be my boat in case of emergency. I was on the deck, and on taking my place in the boat found it very full. A number of the native crew got in after that, and the boat was very low in the water. Indeed, we did seem to get away from the sinking ship, and I was washed out of the boat. A grating floated past me, and I clutched hold of it, and had been swimming some time when a small boat came near. I shouted. Chief Steward Chapman was in this boat, which belonged to a traveller, and had picked up Mr. Chapman and others. There was no room for anyone else in the boat but I hung on to its stern and Mr. Chapman caught me under my right arm and held me up. I was dumbfounded at the sight of the vessel, which was that I could remember, but they told me I lost consciousness, and was taken down into the engine room. I shall never forget the kindness I received on that trawler."

"One lady from the same boat died on the trawler despite efforts at resuscitation. The trawler was bitterly cold. I was swimming for half an hour, but some were in the water a good deal longer than that. There were several rafts about which had floated off the decks, but the people on these got wet through owing to the seas breaking over them. I believed some of the Maloja's boats were smashed in the explosion and others got damaged in launching."

## COAL SCARCITY IN CALCUTTA.

## SERIOUS OUTLOOK FOR THE JUTE INDUSTRY.

The Calcutta jute mills are suffering from a scarcity of coal, a state of affairs which promises to become serious very shortly unless quicker methods of transport are adopted by the railways concerned.

On Saturday, says The Englishman, of Calcutta, one of the mills had only had one sufficient coal to last till 2 o'clock in the afternoon, until boats were rushed up to Shalimar for supplies to enable the mill to run till closing time, 7 p.m. In another instance, a mill was so short of coal that the train had to be sent to the Burna Railway, had to be diverted while on its way to Calcutta from the collieries. This mill's supply had practically run out, and there was no prospect of getting more.

The cause of the shortage is, of course, based upon the shortage of waggons consequent upon the despatch of huge quantities of coal to Bombay by rail instead of by sea in pre-war days, and to the alleged mismanagement of foreign waggons on the G.I.P. Railway. Both these grievances have been put before the Railway Board by the representatives of the jute industry, and the Mining Association, and immediate attention to them has been promised.

A suggestion was made by a railway official to the effect that the jute mills should keep bigger stocks. This, it appears, is an impossible suggestion, the coal stockpiling in the industry in recent times, has any objection been raised to coal suppliers getting in six weeks or two months' stocks. It is pointed out in fact that it was only when the stocks were being reduced to a dangerous level that the coal companies began to make enquiries as to the reason. Nearly all the mills in the vicinity of Calcutta, it is pointed out, are now sufficiently large and have adequate accommodation capable of receiving and discharging 30 waggons a day, so that there is absolutely no reason why the stocks should not be kept up to two months' level. The mills, according to representative men in the industry, would not hesitate to keep a full stock of coal in their compounds, and it is emphasised that the financial aspect of the question is, under present circumstances, a negligible one.

## AN EXODUS FROM PEKING.

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